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Applicant : Reppert *et al.* Art Unit : 1646
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed October 3, 2000, Applicants elect the invention of Group I drawn to a method of testing a candidate compound for the ability to act as an agonist of a high affinity melatonin receptor ligand. Within that group, Applicants also elect Species D (human melatonin 1a receptor). Claims 53-60 read on this species. These elections are made without traverse.

Applicants believe that Examiner inadvertently included claim 77 with Group I. Since it depends from claim 34, it appears to belong in Group II.

Filed herewith is a Petition for Automatic Extension with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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